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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Andrew Lee

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 20, 2000

☐ This action is FINAL.

☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim

☒ Claim(s) 1-103, 133-135, 141-144, 147-151, and 153 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration

☒ Claim(s) 1-103, 133-135, 141-144, 147-151, and 153 is/are allowed.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 14

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The original patent must be surrendered or an affidavit/declaration averring that the original patent is lost or misplaced must be filed.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

2. Inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 703)305-1500. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 6:00PM, Eastern Time. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are not successful, the examiner's supervisor, **Mr. Chau Nguyen**, can be reached on 703)308-5340.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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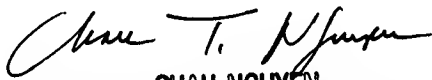
for informal or draft communications, please label **"PROPOSED"** or **"DRAFT"**.

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Arlington, Virginia Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
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